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## MacEWEN, FRICKEL &amp; Co.,

HAVE JUST LANDED FROM

THE AMERICAN MAIL

The following

Excellent Condition:

Fresh ROAST BUTTER,

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JULES MUMM &amp; Co's

CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts, \$16 per doz. Case.

Pints, \$17 per doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER &amp; Co's

CHAMPAGNE,

awarded the

GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX.

Quarts, \$17 per doz. Case.

Pints, \$18 per doz.

MEYER &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF &amp; GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE

at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS

GODOWNS, under European supervision;

and VESSELS Discharged alongside the

Wharf, on favorable terms, with quick

despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. F. KLAMPERMEYER has RE-

MOVED to his NEW PREMISES,

No. 63, PRATA CENTRAL, close to the

Canton Wharf.

The Patronage of the Community is most

respectfully solicited.

F. KLAMPERMEYER.

Hongkong, January 24, 1880.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE

BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND

FAMILIES.

WINE AND SPIRITS

OF THE BEST QUALITY.

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. E. SPRATT &amp; Co. have lately

added an Extensive MACHINE

SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former

Advantages of these Docks.

The Dimensions of the DOCK are—460

Feet on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; 90

Feet on the Tides; 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.

Office, 20, PRATA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:—

FRENCH FREEDOM, British ship, Capt.

John Clague;—Vogel &amp; Co.

MAZEL, American barque, Capt. Francis

Hallott;—Captain.

ALICE REED, American barque, Captain

Killean;—Vogel &amp; Co.

MINNIE CARVELL, British barque, Capt.

P. T. Clark;—Gibb, Livingston &amp; Co.

CHATEAUBLANC, French barque, Captain

Leroy;—Carlowitz &amp; Co.

DRINGO, American barque, Captain H.

Staples;—Adamson, Bell &amp; Co.

Claret.

THIRGEUF (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LA ROSSE (CHATEAU &amp; ADRIAN),

Pints and Quarts.

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## Notices to Consignees.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. A. V. A.

NOTICE.

(CONSIGNÉES of Cargo per S. S.

Euphrate, from London, in conse-

quence with the above Steamer, are hereby

informed that their Goods are being

landed and stored at their risk at the Com-

pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be

obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees, before 5 p.m. To-day, requesting it

to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wed-

nesday, the 25th instant, at Noon, will be

subject to rest and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1880.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

(CONSIGNÉES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

M. G. No. 904,925, Mr. A. d'Argence, 2 cases

Tobacco, from Marseilles.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer

"Emu," Captain BLANCO, will be

despatched on MONDAY, the 22nd inst., at

Noon, for Manila, via Amoy, at Noon, in-

stead of via Amoy, as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 20, 1880.

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.

The Steamship

"Hainan," Captain CONNOR, will be

despatched on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at

7 p.m., for Hoikow and Pakhoi.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 20, 1880.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through

rates for HANKOW and Ports on the

YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship

"Nestor,"

Capt. T. W. FREEMAN,

will be despatched on or

about the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1880.

REGATTA.

MONDAY, 23RD FEB., 1880.

FIRST RACE.—2 p.m.—Open to all Cutters,

2 Mils. straight. Time allowance 2s.

per car per mile. Purses—\$25.00 to

first, \$5.00 to second.

SECOND RACE.—Single Barked Boats,

500 to 600 lbs. Purses—\$20.00 to first,

\$5.00 to second.

THIRD RACE.—Open to Members of Rec-

reation Club, and Officers of all Ships

of War and the Garrison. Purses—

\$25.00. Distance, 3 Miles.

FOURTH RACE.—Open to all open Boats,

not having crew boards. Those of

30ft. in length or over to constitute

1st Class. Those less in length, 2d

Class. Purses—\$25.00 to winner in 1st

Class, \$25.00 to winner in 2d Class. All to

start together.

Between the 3rd and 4th Race a Cata-

maran or Copper Punt Race will take

place. No oars to be used—500 yards.

\$5.00 to the winner.

The Rules for Boat Racing as adopted by

the V. R. C. will be strictly adhered to.

All communications to be addressed to

"The Regatta Committee,"

U. S. S. Richmond."

No Entries will be accepted after SUNDAY,

the 22nd inst.

In applying for Entry please state Name

of Boat, Class, Race, and distinguishing

Pennant.

All Competitors are requested to assem-

ble at U. S. S. Richmond shortly before 2 p.m.

— Hongkong, February 20, 1880.

G. FALCONER &amp; Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER

MANUFACTURERS,

AND

JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1880.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenariff having arrived from

the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods—

with the exception of Opium—are being

landed at their risk into the Godowns

of the Undersigned, whence and/or from

the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the

23rd instant will be subject to rest.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1880.

BRITISH BARK "LUZIA" FROM

LONDON.

CONSIGNÉES of Cargo by the above

Vessel are hereby requested to send in

their Bills of



was also a fine specimen of the Gymnogramma Chrysophylla, shown in the same lot, and included in the first prize. "East Point" seems to have effected a sort of alliance this year, the Secretary having apparently amalgamated with the Manor-house under the all-embracing name of "Ewo." This well-known sign was frequently noticed on the prize tickets, and in one department it shored very conspicuously, viz., the Orchids. These were better this year than they have ever been, the specimen of the Beetle Orchid being worthy of all praise. A little more encouragement ought to be given to this class. One result of the change from the Public Garden to the City Hall was that the Show was deprived of many attractive flowers and plants, from the Government conservatories. Notwithstanding this fact, however, the exhibition is very creditable on all concerned, and even the show of Foreign Plants was of commendable excellence.

Coming to the Vegetables, it is gratifying to note that the Judges have evidently been guided in their awards by quality more than size; and although the goodness of quality has been over-looked, the other points which go to make up a first-class table vegetable have been prominently and we think carefully noted. The awards to all classes indeed—of Flowers as well as Vegetables and Fruits—appear to have given general satisfaction. In all the leading classes of Vegetables the exhibitors were exceedingly good, and above the average in nearly all cases. Some of the Cabbages were of enormous size, but few of these were prize-takers; and the same remark might be applied to the Cauliflowers and Carrots. Turnips were small, but (especially one yellow kind) of good quality. Celery seemed to be rather behind the others, but Potatoes were in splendid form. We noticed a fine specimen of Scotch Kale, from Mr. Dickie, which would have gladdened the heart of the Patron Saint. The Fruits did not appear to us to be more than a fair show.

The Band of the 7th Inniskillings played during the afternoon, and that from the U. S. Richmond will play during the evening, between 8 and 10 o'clock. We understand that the Exhibition will be again open to-morrow evening during the same hours.

The Judges were as follows:  
For Flowers, Mr. T. O. Haylar, and Mr. H. F. Tennant.  
For Vegetables, Mr. J. M. Armstrong and Mr. W. K. Hughes.

The following are the members of the Committee:—T. O. Haylar, Esq., President, and Messrs. C. P. Chater, J. H. Goughrie, H. Dickie, W. K. Hughes, A. G. Romano, J. M. A. Silva, A. E. Vacher, and E. L. Woodin, with Mr. J. M. Armstrong, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. O. S. Taylor, Hon. Secretary.

The following is a list of the awards:—

PLANTS IN POTS.

Class 1.—Best six flowering and or foliage plants, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo; 3, (additional), Dorabjee.

Class 2.—Best six ferns, 1, Ewo; 2, H. de O. Forbes.

Class 3.—Best six annuals, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo.

Class 4.—Best three foliage plants, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), Ewo.

Class 5.—Best three flowering plants, 1, Ewo; 2, H. Dickie.

Class 6.—Best three ferns, 1, Ewo; 2, A. G. Romano.

Class 7.—Best three cactuses, 1, C. P. Chater; 2, H. Dickie.

Class 8.—Best three dahlias, 1, Ewo; 2, C. P. Chater.

Class 9.—Best three geraniums, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo; 3, (additional), A. G. Romano.

Class 10.—Best three roses, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Paras Camellia; 3, (additional), H. Dickie.

Class 11.—Best three chrysanthemums, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano.

Class 12.—Best three chrysanthemums, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, H. Dickie.

Class 13.—Best chrysanthemum, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano.

Class 14.—Best flowering plant, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Ewo; 3, (additional), H. Dickie.

Class 15.—Best foliage plant, 1, Ewo; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), H. de O. Forbes.

Class 16.—Best camellia, 1, R. Howie; 2, Ewo.

Class 17.—Best rose, 1, withheld; 2, T. O. Haylar; 3, (additional), H. Dickie.

Class 18.—Best two or three asters, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, B. Dickie.

Class 19.—Best aster, 1, J. H. Cox; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), H. Dickie.

Class 20.—Best annual, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo.

Class 21.—Best dahlia, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano.

Class 22.—Best geranium, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), C. P. Chater.

Class 23.—Best fern, 1, Ewo; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), H. de O. Forbes.

Class 24.—Best one or more azaleas, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Ewo; 3, H. Dickie.

Class 25.—Best one or more pink, carnation or sweet william, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Ewo.

Class 26.—Best one or more hyacinths, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Ewo.

Class 27.—Best one or more gladioli, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, withheld.

Class 28.—Best one or more pelargoniums, 1, Both prizes withheld.

Class 29.—Best one or more orchids, 1, Ewo; 2, T. O. Haylar.

Class 30.—Best one or more daphnes, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld.

Class 31.—Best one or more lilies, 1, Ewo; 2, Dorabjee Norrojee.

Class 32.—Best one or more narcissus, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Dorabjee Norrojee.

Class 33.—Best one or more palm, 1, H. Dickie; 2, H. de O. Forbes.

OUT FLOWERS.

Class 34.—Best four camellia blooms, 1, H. Dickie; 2, T. O. Haylar; 3, (additional), C. P. Chater.

Class 35.—Best four chrysanthemum blooms, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, (additional), Dorabjee Norrojee.

Class 36.—Best four or more blooms, 1, A. G. Romano; 2, Dorabjee Norrojee; 3, (additional), C. P. Chater.

Class 37.—Best six bunches cut flowers, 1, similar; 1, Ewo; 2, H. Dickie; 3, (additional), A. G. Romano.

Class 38.—Best stump or rockwork with ferns and or cactuses, 1, Mow Fong; 2, H. de O. Forbes; 3, (additional), H. Dickie.

Class 39.—Best hand bouquet, 1, Price, (a bouquet holder); 1, J. H. Cox; 2, Geo. Allan.

Class 40.—Best table decorations, 1, Price, (a centre vase); 1, T. O. Haylar; 2, Mow Fong.

Class 41.—Best table decorations, 1, Price, (a vase); 1, H. de O. Forbes; 2, Mrs. Lido.

In these classes a Silver Challenge Cup was offered for the most creditable exhibition of plants and flowers, but this was not awarded at a late hour.

VEGETABLES.

Class 42.—Best six kinds of vegetables, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, C. P. Chater.

Class 43.—Best two heads of celery, large, 1, H. Dickie; 2, R. Alfred; 3, J. H. Cox.  
Class 44.—Best two heads of celery, dwarf, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld; 3, withheld.  
Class 45.—Best six beet roots (long), 1, A. Smith; 2, H. Dickie; 3, withheld.  
Class 46.—Best six beet roots (short or round), 1, N. Dorabjee; 2, H. Dickie; 3, H. de O. Forbes.  
Class 47.—Best six carrots (long), 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, T. O. Haylar.  
Class 48.—Best six carrots (short or early), 1, A. Smith; 2, H. Dickie; 3, C. P. Chater.  
Class 49.—Best six parsnips, 1, R. Cooke; 2, C. P. Chater; 3, N. Dorabjee.  
Class 50.—Best two cauliflowers, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, Soey Hing.  
Class 51.—Best two cabbages (exclusive of cauliflower), 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, A. Chee.  
Class 52.—Best two cabbages drumhead, 1, A. Kan; 2, R. Cooke; 3, W. C. East.  
Class 53.—Best two cabbages red, 1, Ewo; 2, H. Dickie; 3, A. G. Romano.  
Class 54.—Best six turnips, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. Smith; 3, A. G. Romano.  
Class 55.—Best two lettuce cabbages, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo; 3, C. P. Chater.  
Class 56.—Best six radishes, 1, N. Dorabjee; 2, H. Dickie; 3, C. P. Chater.  
Class 57.—Best six radishes or cress, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano.  
Class 58.—Best fifty pods of peas, 1, H. Dickie; 2, N. Dorabjee; 3, H. de O. Forbes.  
Class 59.—Best fifty pods of beans, french, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, Ewo.  
Class 60.—Best fifty pods of beans, broad, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld; 3, withheld.  
Class 61.—Best twenty five potatoes, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, C. P. Chater.  
Class 62.—Best six turnips, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, C. P. Chater.  
Class 63.—Best six turnips, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 64.—Best twelve onions, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 65.—Best twelve leeks, 1, H. Dickie; 2, Ewo.  
Class 66.—Best twelve shallots, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 67.—Best twenty-five radishes turnip rooted, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, H. de O. Forbes.  
Class 68.—Best twenty-five radishes long, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 69.—Best six kohlrabi, 1, A. E. Vacher; 2, Dorabjee Norrojee; 3, H. Dickie.  
Class 70.—Best two savares, 1, A. Smith; 2, H. Dickie; 3, A. G. Romano.  
Class 71.—Best fifty brussels sprouts, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. Kan; 3, withheld.  
Class 72.—Best twelve tomatoes, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld; 3, A. G. Romano.  
Class 73.—Best two vegetable marrow, 1, Prizes withheld.  
Class 74.—Best two couve tronconadas, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, A. Chee.  
Class 75.—Best six horse radish, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld; 3, withheld.  
Class 76.—Best two Scotch kale, 1, H. Dickie; 2, withheld; 3, withheld.  
Class 77.—Best twenty shoots asparagus, 1, 2 and 3, withheld.  
Class 78.—Best six arrowroot, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 79.—Best six arrowroot, 1, H. Dickie; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.  
Class 80.—Best collection of sweet and pot herbs (including sage), 1, A. G. Romano; 2 and 3, withheld.  
Class 81.—Best collection of sweet and pot herbs (without sage), 1, H. Dickie; 2 and 3, withheld.

REMARKS.

[Note.—It was a condition in every class of fruit that the exhibit should have been grown in Hongkong.]

Class 82.—Best collection of fruit, 1, N. Dorabjee; 2, A. G. Romano; 3, withheld.

Class 83.—Best strawberries, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 84.—Best oranges, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 85.—Best lemons, 1, N. Dorabjee; 2 and 3, withheld.

Class 86.—Best plantains, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 87.—Best pomegranates, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 88.—Best custard apples, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 89.—Best pineapples, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 90.—Best guavas, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 91.—Best chine gooseberry, 1, Prizes withheld.

Class 92.—Best pine apples, 1, Prizes withheld.

Special Prize, \$2, C. P. Chater, for Citron.

In these classes a Silver Challenge Cup was offered for the most creditable exhibition of vegetables and fruit, and it was not awarded at a late hour.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING.

The eleventh ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company was held this afternoon, when there were present: the Hon. P. Byrie, Chairman of the Company, who presided, Messrs H. Hoppins, R. L. Dalrymple, H. Lowcock, A. Coxon, W. Wotton, Reiners, R. Deacon, A. Moller, H. Wickling, A. Newton, McConachie, E. E. Elias, H. Crawford, A. Hancock, Foss, Zilshausen, and the Hon. Ng Choy and Fung Ming-shan.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and the accompanying balance sheet. It was not necessary to read it as it had been in the hands of the shareholders for some time. He had nothing to add to what was there said save to say to the shareholders that the affairs of the Company were in a very satisfactory condition. The profits had increased and the losses in 1879 had been comparatively insignificant. They would observe from the accounts that the Directors proposed to pay the bonus for 1878 immediately after this meeting, and the directors also proposed to get rid of the 30th June last, the new system was introduced by which a cash discount of 20 per cent was granted. The amount to be paid to contributors was \$27,388.63, the discount for the half year was \$14,379.54. The shareholders would observe that there had been some changes since they last met. The gentleman who was Chairman last year, the Hon. Mr. Gibb was appointed in his stead. He also had to leave the Colony through ill-health. It was with pleasure they saw that gentleman back again amongst them to-day, and it would be his (the Chairman's) duty to ask him to confirm his election to a place at this Board. He would refer to the subject which was brought up at the last meeting, the means for extinguishing fires. In the interval this matter had had the attention of the Board. A deputation waited on H. E. the Governor requesting his assistance in the matter and, as they probably would have seen by the papers at the time, H. E. most cordially agreed with the views laid before him by the deputation and promised to do everything in his power to carry them out. At that meeting His Excellency laid before the gentlemen composing the deputation a scheme for high-level water tanks. This scheme had gone before His Majesty's Government and as far as he understood they had approved it with certain modifications. They would see soon what would be done. He calculated on the scheme being carried out. He formally moved the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts. The Hon. Ng Choy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed the confirmation of the re-appointment of Mr. Lowcock to the Board, which was seconded by Mr. Reiners and carried.

Mr. Hoppins proposed the re-election of the retiring Directors, Messrs Moller and Dalrymple, which was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Mr. Moller proposed, and Mr. Wotton seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to reappoint Mr. G. O. Scott and Mr. J. H. Cox, Auditors for the year 1880.

It was stated that the dividend warrants and bonus receipts will be ready to-morrow.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following is the Report of the Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, for the year ending 31st December, 1879, to be presented to the Members, at the General Meeting, which will be held on Monday, next, the 23rd inst., at 3.30 p.m.

The Blockade.—Your Committee regret that they are unable to report any progress towards a satisfactory settlement of the Customs Blockade Question. In the early part of the year the Members of the Chamber had an interview with Sir Thomas F. Wade, H.M.'s Minister to Peking, on his way to the Colony, and a full statement of what had taken place at that meeting will be found in the appendix.

Some correspondence has taken place with the local Government in consequence of a Statement made in the House of Lords on the 9th May last, by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question by Lord Salisbury, regarding the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the failure of the Convention, to the following effect:—

"With respect to the third matter, the appointment of a Commission to regulate the differences between Hongkong and the City of Canton, if you look at the 7th section of the Convention, you will find that provision in favour of the British Government on account of the interference of the Customs Revenue Officers with the junk trade of the Colony. It was a provision inserted in order to redress grievances felt by the Governor of Hongkong. He has reported that the grievance was intended to remedy has ceased, and the provision is no longer necessary to appoint the Commission."

Your Committee at once drew the attention of the Administrator to the facts, and begged that the Chamber might be furnished with any information the Government possessed on the subject, and the Secretary of the Governor of the Colony at the time prevented any satisfactory reply being given, and it was deemed advisable to address the Secretary of State for the Colonies without delay through the local Government, pointing out that the "grievances complained of by the Chamber and the community still exist, and are as serious and well-founded as at any time since the present blockade system was inaugurated."

The Spirit Farm Ordinance.—The object of this Ordinance is to establish a Spirit Farm in the Colony, similar to that existing in the Straits Settlements, and in order to protect the farmers and other persons who have been framed in such a manner as to be of opinion of your Committee, to seriously affect the freedom of the Port and Commerce. A Sub-committee was therefore appointed to examine in detail the various clauses of the proposed Ordinance, their report which has been submitted to His Excellency the Governor, will be found in the appendix; and nothing subsequently has transpired as to the intentions of the Government.

The Stamp Ordinance.—This Ordinance is still under the consideration of the Government and further correspondence will be found in the appendix.

Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879.—The Committee note with satisfaction that this Ordinance has passed a third reading, and will, it is hoped, become law in a few months, after it has received the assent of Her Majesty's Government.

Departure of the Mail Steamers.—By the conditions of the new Mail contract to come into operation in 1880, the hour for closing the mail was fixed at 6 p.m. on Sunday. As this would have converted the Sunday into a day of labour, your Committee at once addressed the Administrator on the subject, suggesting that the hour be altered to 8 a.m. His Excellency afterwards favoured the Chamber with a report of the Postmaster General, in which that officer suggested that 6 a.m. would be a more suitable hour and in this suggestion your Committee concurred.

Since then it has been determined to push the matter on Wednesdays at 10.30 p.m.

Bills of Lading.—With regard to proposed changes in Bill of Lading Clauses for sailing ships from Calcutta to ports in the United Kingdom, the Bengal Chamber recently drew the attention of this Chamber to certain changes which it is proposed to make under the auspices of the General Shipowners' Society, in the clauses of Bills of Lading for sailing ships to ports in the United Kingdom, which, in the opinion of the Chamber, were unjust to shippers, inasmuch as they would entirely relieve the Billowner of his legitimate responsibility.

The Chamber has not had any communication from the General Shipowners' Society on the subject, but has, in the meantime, allowed to pass without a general vote the changes would be extended to this trade, your Committee considered the matter of such importance that they deemed it advisable to address the Chairman of the Society without delay, protesting against the proposed innovations. (Appendix.)

Agency Fees.—As to Agency Fees charged by Agents at Eastern Ports in cases of ships or steamers which put into harbour for repairs or in distress, and the cargoes of which have to be landed and warehoused.—The Singapore Chamber of Commerce having asked for information as to the custom of this port in cases of the above nature, your Committee have replied, that Agency fees are invariably charged in a lump sum according to the work and trouble involved, in addition to a Commission of 2½ per cent for disbursements. (Appendix.)

Telegraphic Service.—The New Tariff.—The Chamber has received from the Bengal Chamber of Commerce copies of correspondence upon the subject of the New Telegraph Rules which will be found in the Appendix.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company.—Attention having been drawn to the inconvenience caused by the refusal of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to receive telegrams after 7 p.m., your Committee requested the General Manager to arrange to have the office open for the receipt and transmission of messages from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and that gentleman was good enough to make the office hours from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.

New Members.—The following firms have become Members of the Chamber during the year:—The Sun Yee Hong, The Lai King Hong, The Tak On Bank.

Acc. Notes.—These have been audited by Messrs Hassell and Scott, and there is a balance of \$791.68 in the credit of the Chamber.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honor the Acting Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Friday, Feb. 20.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE, BEING ARMED.

Fong Ahkai, Chin Ahlung, Sit Ape, and Ho Ahlung were charged on two counts with robbery with violence, being armed.

Mr. Ng Achoy, instructed by Mr. Johnson, Acting Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution for the Acting Attorney General Hon. J. Russell.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following evidence was then examined:—Fong Ahkai, aged 21, Kerr, H. Horbat, E. L. Woodin, E. J. Kerr, J. Brando, J. C. Hughes, and J. Muirhead.

Mr. F. W. Heuserman, was also called, but as his partner Mr. Horbat was sitting he was permitted to stand aside.

The following names were also called:—Messrs J. M. de Remedios, L. F. A. Colloca and L. Kitchman.

The principal witness in the first count, Ko Ape, was the woman who was robbed; she said she was a married woman residing in 24 Tai Mi Lane, West Point, about 6.30 p.m. on the 26th January, she was called by the name of Ko Ape, and was taken from her home by two men, one of whom found five or six men on the landing. The first prisoner was one. She was seized by the throat, her eyes covered, and the money, \$50 taken from an inner pocket. She found some sharp instrument cutting her jacket. The second witness was a man named from the window. There was an alarm from her person a pair of gold bangles worth \$30, a gold hair press worth \$20, a gold watch worth \$10, a gold hair pin worth a little over \$5, a gold ornament for the hair worth about \$1, and a gold bangle worth several dollars. After the first prisoner was arrested, Wing Lok Street, where she was living, about twenty coolies, from among whom she identified the second and third defendants as two of the men who were at her house.

The only witness in connection with the second count was that of a woman, who lived in the same house, who reported that she had been thrown down a knife presented to her throat and a gold earring stolen from her.

This woman's evidence was so fully contradictory of that given at the Magistrate's Court that His Lordship directed the jury to disregard it entirely.

Four witnesses were called to identify the prisoners, but they failed to do so.

On proceeding to summarise the evidence, His Lordship directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty against all the prisoners on the second count, and of not guilty against the fourth prisoner on the first count.

The jury, after consultation and without leaving the box, returned an unanimous verdict on the first count of guilty against the first prisoner, and guilty by a majority of four to three against the second and third defendants, and on the second count an unanimous verdict of not guilty for all the prisoners.

The fourth defendants then discharged. Before passing sentence the second and third prisoners—pleaded for mercy, saying their friend was taken on the ground that they had nothing to do with it. The first prisoner also pleaded for his two friends.

His Lordship said, he must abide by the verdict of the jury which he had no fault to find, and in passing sentence, he could make no distinction, or it might seem he doubted them.

The sentence of the Court was seven years' penal servitude.

At this point Mr. J. M. de Remedios, one of the absent jurors, presented himself and gave as his excuse that he had forgotten.

His Lordship reminded him that by his neglect he had put some other gentleman to inconvenience, and fined him in the sum of \$25.

The Sessions stand adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Friday, Feb. 20.

STEALING LAMPS.

Wong Ahkai, a mat-joker, was charged with stealing four lamps from the front of No. 18, Queen's Street, in the 18th inst.

At 11 p.m. on the 18th, a man was out about 10 p.m. on the 18th, in the Queen's Road West, when he met defendant. He had bamboo in one hand and the other hand concealed under his jacket. Defendant ran away when the constable spoke to him. On being pursued and arrested, the bursters were found in the hand hidden below his jacket.

Prisoner gave the usual excuse. He picked them up in the street.

Sentence, fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour for unlawful possession.

STEALING BRASS KINGS.

Chun Ayan, a bricklayer, was charged with stealing a quantity of brass hinges, valued about £1, on the 18th inst.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A LITTLE TIEF.

Chun Ayan, a tailor, who was so small his workshop could not see him in the dock, by his uncle, was brought before the court with stealing clothing to the value of \$10.

Defendant is an apprentice tailor. His master entrusted him to take the clothes to give out to people to sew, instead of which he pawned the articles to obtain money for gambling.

He admitted the charge. His father and mother live in the country. He was brought here by his uncle, but was not kidnapped.

Sentence, one month's imprisonment with hard labour, the clothes to be released to complainant.

(Before C. V. Orsini, Esq.)  
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.  
Cheung Kuan, a shop-keeper, was charged with being in unlawful possession of one pair of brass hinges, a quantity of lead, two pieces of brass, one piece of copper and some raw silk this morning.

Case remanded till Monday next, the 23rd inst.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

The following Despatch appears in the "Peking Gazette" of 28th January:—

The Board of Civil Office memorialise that, having, in obedience to Imperial Command, determined, a severe penalty, they beg that, against the convicting How, who, after having taken upon himself to start on his return without waiting for the Imperial permission to do so, as very grave, and the mere bestowal of dismissal upon him is insufficient to expiate a crime of which he has been guilty. Let him, as a preliminary step, be cashiered and arrested, and, after having been put to the question, let him be handed over to the Board of Punishments for correction.

We are informed that a telegram has been received from Hongkong to the effect that the Hon. Mr. Russell has won the \$18,000 prize in the February drawing of the Manila Lottery. This ticket, we understand, was sold by Yung-lee in the Honan Road.

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